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mittee to enquire into tenure of office there and elsewhere, and, as a result of their report, the trustees have passed amendments to the statutes, according to which as a rule professors shall only be promoted or appointed in consultation with the departments concerned. It is provided that there shall be four grades in the faculty: professor, assistant professor instructor and assistant. Professors are to be appointed for an indefinite term; assistant professors will receive a first appointment for three years and re-appointments for terms of five years; instructors and assistants will be appointed for one year. The section dealing with the removal of a professor or assistant professor follows:

A professor or an assistant professor shall be removed by the board of trustees only after a conference between a committee, consisting of one representative from each of the faculties in the university (such representatives being chosen by the faculty of which the representative is a member) and a committee of equal number from the board of trustees, at which conference the provost shall preside, and upon a report from such conference to the board of trustees for consideration and action by them.

THE PAN-AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS

As part of the second Pan-American Scientific Congress a number of receptions have been arranged, including the following:

December 30. 4:30 to 7 P.M. Reception by the president of the congress, the Ambassador of Chile, Senor Don Eduardo Suarez Mujica, at the Chilean Embassy, 1013 Sixteenth St.

December 30. 9 P.M. Reception tendered by the secretary and board of regents of the Smithsonian Institution to the members of the congress.

December 31. 8:30 P.M. Theater party by the Secretary of State and United States delegation to the Latin-American delegations at the New National Theater. Other members of the congress are requested to make their reservations at once with the management of the theater.

January 1. 9 P.M. Reception by the Governing Board of the Pan-American Union to members of the congress at the Pan-American Union.

January 3. 3 to 6 P.M. Reception tendered to the members of the congress by the president and officers of the Cosmos Club.

January 3. 8 P.M. The members of the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress will be the guests of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on the occasion of a special meeting to be held in Memorial Continental Hall.

January 4. 9 P.M. The trustees of the Carnegie Institution of Washington (16th and P Sts.) will tender a reception to the members of the congress.

January 7. Friday night the President will give a reception to members of the congress at the White House.

January 8. Saturday night (hour to be announced). The Secretary of State and the United States delegation will give a banquet to the members of the congress at the Pan-American Union.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THERE is published in this issue of SCIENCE the address given at Columbus by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, the retiring president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. We hope to publish in subsequent issues other addresses given before the association and the other scientific societies meeting during convocation week, together with accounts of their proceedings.

PROFESSOR M. I. PUPIN, of Columbia University, has been elected president of the New York Academy of Sciences.

DR. W. P. HAY, of the U. S. National Museum, was elected president of the Biological Society of Washington at the annual meeting held in December.

DR. FRITZ HABER, director of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Physiology, and Dr. Karl Bosch, of the Baden Anilin Factory, have received honorary doctorates from the Karlsruhe Technical School.

DR. LUDWIG RADLKOFER, professor of botany at Munich, who is now in his eighty-sixth year, has celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his doctorate.

DR. PAUL BARTSCH and Dr. J. N. Rose have been selected as delegate and alternate to represent the Biological Society of Washington at the Pan-American Scientific Congress.

ACCORDING to the *Bulletin* of the American Geographical Society a letter received from